

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently amended). An assembly for treating a tissue region comprising
a catheter tube having a distal end,
an expandable structure comprising first and second spines arranged in a desired circumferential array to define a basket assembly projecting beyond the distal end of the catheter tube and including a far end[;], and

a distal ~~tail~~ tip assembly projecting beyond the far end of the basket assembly, the distal ~~tail~~ tip assembly including a rigid proximal region adapted to engage at least one of the first and second spines to maintain the first and second spines in the desired circumferential array, and a distal less rigid region sized and configured for coupling to the proximal region and extending beyond the proximal region to provide a gradient of decreasing stiffness from the proximal region to the distal region ~~guidewire lumen that accommodates passage of a guidewire without threading the guidewire through the catheter tube.~~

2 (Canceled).

3 (Currently amended). An ~~assembly~~ assembly according to claim 2 1
wherein at least the one of the first and second spines carries an electrode.

4 (Canceled).

5 (Currently amended). An assembly according to claim 1, further comprising
~~wherein the expandable structure comprises an array of first and second spines forming a basket assembly carried by the distal end of the catheter tube and an inflatable member positioned in an interior of the basket assembly, the inflatable member having an inflated condition that expands the basket assembly, and~~

~~wherein at least one of the spines includes a spine lumen that communicates with the guidewire lumen, and an opening in the spine for threading the guidewire through the spine lumen and guidewire lumen outside the inflatable member.~~

6 (Canceled).

7 (New). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein the proximal region accommodates passage of a guidewire.

8 (New). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein the distal region accommodates passage of a guidewire.

9 (New). An assembly according to claim 8
wherein the distal region accommodates passage of a guidewire without threading the
guidewire through the catheter tube.

10 (New). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein the proximal region includes a first guidewire lumen,
wherein the distal region includes a second guidewire lumen, and
wherein the first guidewire lumen communicates with the second guidewire lumen to permit
passage of a guidewire through the proximal and distal regions.